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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the Department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Resolution No. 18020/19/97 M.P.Cell, dated 24th November, 2000, a MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD has been set up as a National level body to look after formulation of Policy, overall coordination to ensure sustained availability of medicinal plants, In-situ conservation and Ex-Situ cultivation and to harness their export potential;

AND WHEREAS the Government of India has requested the State Government to set up a State Medicinal Plants Board at State level as well. Once the State Medicinal Plants Board is set up in the State, the Medicinal Plants Board at the national level would interact with the nodal agency for over all development of the sector and give final shape to the priority schemes in the state;

AND WHEREAS the State Government of Sikkim has decided to constitute & set up State Medicinal Plants Board with Department of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management as the Nodal Agency in the State. The State Medicinal Plants Board constituted as below, would be registered under the Societies Registration Act-1860 as Society under the Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim;

AND WHEREAS various Departments and Organizations of the State Government are dealing with various issues relating to medicinal plants, and a need has been felt to strengthen coordination and linkage relating to the activities taken up by individual stake holders; And whereas concern has been expressed about erosion and degradation of our resources, unsustained availability of quality drugs, high and fluctuating prices, improper marketing, lack of organized cultivation and the small share in the export market;

AND WHEREAS after careful consideration, the State Government of Sikkim is of the opinion that a State level body should be constituted to look after policy formulation, coordination with Departments

/ Organizations, ensuring sustained availability of medicinal plants and to co-ordinate all matters relating to their development and sustainable use;

Consequent upon recent posting of officers in the State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) and inclusion of some new members in the Board, amendments has been made in the Notification No. 100/FEWD, dated 10-06-2002, of para (5) in the constitution of State Medicinal Plants Board (SMPB) by including the additional Members in the Board. The amended constitution of the board has the following members:

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister	Chairman
2. Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Env. & Wildlife Management	Vice-Chairman
3. PCCF-cum-Secretary, Forest, Env. & Wildlife Management	Member Secretary
4. Secretary, Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare	Member
5. Secretary, Science and Technology	Member
6. Secretary, Food Security & Agriculture Development	Member
7. Secretary, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development	Member
8. Secretary, Rural Management &Development Department	Member
9. Secretary, Industry Department	Member
10. Secretary, Co-operation Department	Member
11. Secretary, Human Resources Development	Member
12. Scientist Incharge from Regional Research Institute (Ayurvedic) (Sikkim Unit)	Member
13. Scientist Incharge from Botanical Survey of India (Sikkim Unit)	Member
14. Two Non- Official Members dealing in Medicinal Plants selected	
a. Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim, Gangtok, East Sikkim	Member
b. Sikkim Paryawaran Sangrakchan Sansthan, Bikmath, South Sikkim	Member
15. Progressive Farmer of SMPB, Mr. Arjun Sedai, Turung, South Sikkim	Member
16. Shri. M.L. Arrawatia, IFS	Member
17. Divisional Forest Officer (NTFP)	Nodal Officer
18. Joint Director, NTFP/SMPB	Member
19. Addl. Director, NTFP & Research, Edu. & Extn.	Member
20. Director, NTFP & Research, Education & Extension Officer	Chief Executive

2. The Board shall be assisted by a **Standing Finance Committee** consisting of the following members, namely:-

(1) Director-cum- Chief Executive Officer, SMPB	Chairman
(2) Addl. Director, NTFP & Research, Member, SMPB	Member
(3) Jt. Director, NTFP/SMPB	Member
(4) Divisional Forest Officer (NTFP)	Member
(5) Sr. Account Officer, Dept. of Forests, Env. & Wildlife Management	Member

3. The State Medicinal Plants Board shall have the authority to involve and assign the required matters to Departments/ organizations engaged in cultivation of medicinal plants, research, demand and supply, patent/IPR, export/import for its functioning. The Board shall start functioning with the following Technical Advisory Committee immediately after notification as indicated below:

(2) Advise concerned Departments / Organizations on matters relating to schemes and programme for development of medicinal plants.

(3) Provide guidance in the formulation of proposals, schemes and programmes etc. to be taken up by agencies having access for cultivation and infrastructure for collection, storage and transportation of medicinal plants.

(4) Identification, inventorisation and quantification of medicinal plants.

(5) Promotion of Ex-situ / In-situ cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants.

(6) Promotion of co-operative efforts among collectors and growers and assisting them to transport and market their produce effectively.

(7) Setting up of data-base system for inventorisation, dissemination of information and facilitate the prevention of Patents being obtained for medicinal use of plants which is the public domain.

(8) Matters relating to import / export of raw material, as well as value added products either medicine, food supplements or as herbal cosmetics including adoption of better techniques, marketing of product to increase their reputation for quality and reliability in the country and abroad.

(9) Undertaking and awarding Scientific, Technological research and cost effective studies.

(10) Development of protocols for cultivation and quality control.

(11) Encouraging the protection of patent Rights and IPR.

10. BUDGET AND OPERATION OF FUND

(1) The State medicinal Plants Board shall maintain an account in the name of State Medicinal Plants Board under the Department of Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim with any Scheduled Bank located at Gangtok.

(2) The Account shall be operated jointly by the Chief Executive Officer and the Divisional Forests Officer (NTFP) through the Chief Account Officer in the Department of Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management.

(3) After approval of the budget by the Board, the Principal CCF-cum-Secretary cum- Member Secretary, SMPB shall have full powers to administratively approve and sanction all estimates/ work programme / bills etc.

(4) All the Grants, fund received from the National Medicinal Plants Board, Department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India shall be deposited in this account of the Board.

(5) The fund shall be operated by the Board duly following the Guideline/Procedure/ Instructions from Government of India in this respect and as per the General Financial Rules, procedures and instructions of State Government issued by the Government from time to time.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1) PCCF-cum- Secretary -cum-Member Secretary SMPB	Chairman
(2) Representative from Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare	Member
(3) Representative from Science and Technology Dept.	Member
(4) Representative from Food Security & Agriculture Dev. Deptt.	Member
(5) Representative from Horticulture & Cash Crops Dev. Deptt.	Member
(6) Representative from Regional Research Institute (Ayurvedic) (Sikkim Unit)	Member
(7) Representative from Botanical Survey of India (Sikkim Unit)	Member
(8) Representative from ICAR, Sikkim Unit	Member
(9) Dr. B.B. Rai, V.H.A.S, Gangtok, Sikkim	Member
(10) Lalit Rai, G.B. Pant Institute, Sikkim Unit	Member
(11) Director, NTFP & Research, Chief Executive Officer (SMPB)	Member Secretary
(12) Addl. Director, NTFP & Research,	Member
(13) Jt. Director, NTFP/SMPB	Member
(14) Divisional Forests Officer, NTFP	Member
(15) 3 members, Local health Practitioners Amchi/ Baidhya/ Bumthing	Members
(16) Any other two subject matter expert nominated by Chairman	Members

4. The identified Departments/ Organizations shall also provide necessary assistance required for the better functioning of the committee. The Board shall have powers to include any other concerned Department / Organization for the functioning of the committee as it may feel appropriate and may like to constitute more committees, if required.

5. The Board shall also have the authority to invite representative from related organizations as special invitees. The Board shall have the authority to regulate its own procedures for performing the function entrusted to it and can award work to Government and Non- Government Institution to facilitate collection of data, preparation of policy papers and promotive materials. The Board may appoint such numbers of Technical manpower, office staff and field staff as may be necessary subject to sanction from the funding agency and approval of the State Government and Government instructions on the subject.

6. The expenditure of the Board shall be borne by the State Government, Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife.

7. The Headquarter of the Board will be at Forests Secretariat, Gangtok.

8. The Board shall be established and start functioning from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

9. FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD

Co-ordination with Departments /Organizations working in the state for development of medicinal plants in general and specifically in the following fields:

(1) Assessment of demand / supply position relating to medicinal plants within state, country and abroad as well.

(6) The accounts of the Board shall be open for test check and regular audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India along with the Audit by a Chartered Accountant.

The State Board may further make rules prescribing the various functions of the Board with the approval of the State Government.

The Notification No. 100/FEWD dated 10th June 2002 stands superceded by this notification with immediate effect.

By Order and in the name of the Governor.

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Government of Sikkim, Gangtok
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